

tools. The phrase, however, means service expected, and no one ready to perform it. Impatience and naught to satisfy it (Admiral Smyth).

Devotional habits (common) is applied to a horse inclined to "say his prayers," that is, apt to fall on his knees.

Dew-drink (labourers), an early drink. French, "une goutte pour tuer le ver," the worm being thought to be more than usually thirsty in the morning.

Dewskitch (popular), a severe thrashing; perhaps from "catching one's due."

Dial-plate (common), the face. "To turn the hands on his dial-plate," i.e., to disfigure the face.

Dials (prison), members of the criminal class who live about the Seven Dials in London.

Diamond-cracking (Australian thieves' patter), stonebreaking. The metaphor is obvious, breaking "those precious stones."

He caught a month and had to white it out at *diamond-cracking* in "Castieau's Hotel."—*The Australian Printers' Keepsake*.

In England, *diamond cracking* refers to working in a coal-mine.

Diary, to (American thieves), to remember.

Dib (common), a portion or share.

Dibs (common), money.

The — trots round with a tin plate or a royal dish-cover, and collects *dibs* for the Imperial Institute. He exhibits himself at football matches and Church bazaars on consideration of nailing the coin for his pet scheme.—*Modern Society*.

So called, says Hotten, from the knuckle bones of sheep, which have been used from the earliest times for gambling purposes when money was not obtainable—in one particular game five being thrown up at a time and caught on the back of the hand like half-pence. This resembles the common children's game of "jack-stones." The French call it "jeu des osselets." (Thieves), "flash your *dibs*," show your money.

Dick (military), the penis.

Dick, dikk, to (gypsy, also common cant), to see, to look. Hotten says this is "North country cant," but it is found in all gypsy dialects. (Hindu, *dikhna*.) *Dikkamungro*, a looking-glass, also *dikkamungri*, both referring to anything used in connection with seeing, such as spectacles, lorgnons, or telescopes. The latter would be a *daro-dikkamungri*—a far-seeing thing. *Tu saste dikkarit*, you should have seen it.

Dick at the Garjers (gorjias)
The Garjers round nandy,
Trying to let my meriben
My meriben away.

I.e. "See the gorjias round me trying to take my life away."

Dick-kalo, to look black,